

LAND BATTLE NOW RAGING IN COREA

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pass through the Kiel Canal, but it was intimated that the canal was not open to belligerents.

The fleet, which had started to go through the Kiel Canal, then put back.

It is estimated that six weeks will be consumed by this fleet in reaching the seat of war if ordinary speed is maintained and coal can be secured. If it is necessary to take coallers with the fleet probably ten weeks will be consumed in the voyage.

HAKODATE SHELLED BY RUSSIAN FLEET.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—A despatch from Tientsin announces that Hakodate, the largest city in Northern Japan, has been shelled by five Russian vessels of war and extensively damaged.

Hakodate is a city of 56,000 inhabitants, well built and progressive. A naval training school is located there and the harbor is one of the best in Japan.

The five vessels that bombarded Hakodate, if the shelling took place at all, were probably those comprising the Russian fleet that was at Vladivostok at the beginning of hostilities. It comprises the armored cruisers Rurik, Gromovoi and Ros, the protected cruiser Bogal'ny and the troopship Lena.

The harbor at Vladivostok is icebound, but the Siberian Railway maintains powerful ice-breakers there, and it is barely possible these made a passage for the war vessels, enabling them to reach the open sea.

Hakodate is directly across a narrow strip of sea from Vladivostok. There was no opposition on the part of the Japanese to the passage of the Russian bombarding fleet, and there were no war vessels of consequence at Hakodate.

WILL ENGLAND AND FRANCE GO TO WAR?

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Among the ship insurance gamblers high rates are now asked against the proposition that there will be a war between Great Britain and France within six months.

The rates have suddenly jumped 50 per cent.

At Lloyd's yesterday 30 per cent. was paid to insure against the risk of war between France and Great Britain within six months. The day before the rate had been 20 per cent.

Great Britain is a war ally of Japan, while France is a war ally of Russia.

Under their respective treaties of alliance there is nothing in the present conditions of the war between Japan and Russia which would warrant them in taking sides with their allies.

But, the insurance speculators evidently believe there is great likelihood of a war between France and England within a few months, and consequently the insurance rates on vessels have been jumped skyward.

NO SEA ATTACK TO BE MADE ON PORT ARTHUR

(By the Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Capt. Tamari, the Japanese naval attaché, discredits the rumors of the attacks on Port Arthur. He said: "The Japanese will never attempt to take Port Arthur from the sea alone."

The Captain attaches great importance to the seizure of Masampo, Corea, as giving Japan command of the straits of Corea and preventing a junction of the Russian squadrons. He thinks from the plans previously arranged that the main Japanese squadron is still in the vicinity of Port Arthur, probably preparing for another attack.

The Japanese Minister, Baron Hayashi, has received a despatch from the Government at Tokio announcing that the latter has not yet received an official report of the battle fought off Port Arthur and adding that apparently the disembarkation of Japanese troops is proceeding satisfactorily and without disorder at Chemulpo, the port of Seoul, Corea and elsewhere.

The advice of the Japanese Minister further announces that Mr. Pavlov, the Russian Minister at Seoul, and the Russian legation guard, have departed for China, and that the Russian officers and sailors who surrendered to the Japanese after the battle of Chemulpo will be sent to Shanghai under parole on the first neutral vessel available.

THREE JAP TORPEDO BOATS WERE SUNK.

CHEFOO, Feb. 12.—Japan lost three torpedo boats in its first attack on the Russian fleet at Port Arthur last Monday, according to the news brought to this port by the steamer Chefoo, which is the first steamer to have left Port Arthur after the Columbia got away the night of the attack.

The captain reports that the Japanese fleet again bombarded Port Arthur Wednesday.

The bombardment began between 10 and 11 o'clock in the morning and lasted three-quarters of an hour.

MANY HOUSES HIT BY SHELLS.

Many houses were hit by shells, especially those on hills, and a number of persons were killed and wounded.

The lower part of the town was not damaged, except that a few shells fell on the bund (the levee).

Those on board the Chefoo say that in that fight the Russian ships were not damaged quite so severely as was at first reported, while the Japanese suffered considerably.

The approach of the four Japanese torpedo-boats did not escape the Russians, they claim, but the Japanese had learned and used the Russian flashlight code and the torpedo-boats were mistaken for Russians until too late to keep them off.

When the ruse was discovered the defending fleet opened fire on the torpedo-boats and, the Russian commanders claim, sank three of the four with great loss of life.

However, they had already discharged their torpedoes with deadly effect.

The cruiser Pallada, at the end of the line, offered the best target, was most seriously damaged and had to be beached near the entrance of the harbor, where she still lies.

The battleship Tsarevitch and the cruiser Novik were less seriously damaged, and both were towed into the inner harbor on Tuesday afternoon. It is expected that the repairs on them will be finished in a few days.

NOVIK'S GOOD FIGHT.

The commander of the Novik, which was the best fought of the Russian fleet, says he sank two of the three torpedo-boats.

The Japanese fleet is in very strong force and seemingly determined to capture Port Arthur.

Many non-combatants have left Port Arthur, but more remain, unable to get away.

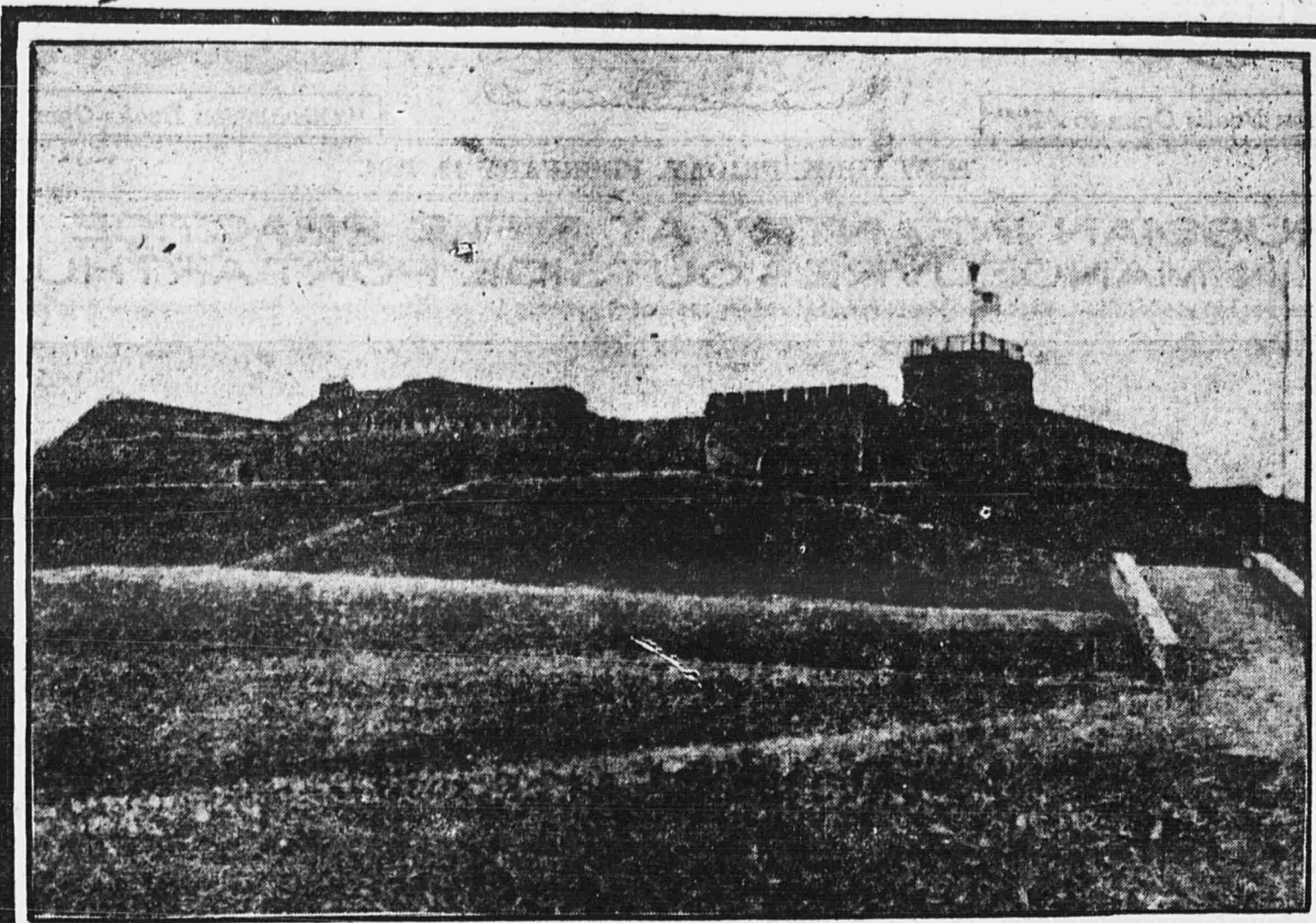
On Monday night, when the Japanese attacked the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, a special performance of a circus was given in the town.

The audience was made up chiefly of naval and military officers. The performance did not end until early Tuesday morning, by which time the Russian ships had been torpedoed.

The steamer Chefoo was allowed to depart by special permission, but other steamers were put under guard by Admiral Alexieff's orders.

The Russian steamers Nonni and Mukden, belonging to the Chinese Eastern Railway Company, have been captured by the Japanese.

ONE OF THE FORMIDABLE RUSSIAN FORTS THAT COMMANDS THE SEA AND MANCHURIAN RAILROAD AT TALIEHWAN.



JUST WHAT HAS ACTUALLY HAPPENED SINCE WAR BEGAN.

Feb. 8.—Four Japanese torpedo boats dashed into the Russian squadron at Port Arthur, badly damaging the Tsarevitch, a first-class battleship, and the cruisers Retvisan and Pallada. The latter was beached at the mouth of the harbor, but seems to have been floated subsequently, according to Admiral Alexieff. The other two are under repair. Three of the attacking torpedo boats are said to have been sunk.

Feb. 8.—The Russian warships Variag and Korietz, the former a cruiser, the latter a large gunboat, attempted to leave the harbor of Chemulpo. They were met by the Japanese fleet of 21 vessels and a terrible engagement followed. The Korietz was sunk soon after the battle began. The Variag kept up the fight to the last and was finally blown up by its captain.

Feb. 10.—Bridge on the Manchurian Railway, between Port Arthur and Dalny, blown up and 30 Russians killed. This report is corroborated but not officially.

Feb. 11.—Russian fleet from Vladivostok attacks the Japanese City Hakodate and lays it in ruins. Official confirmation of this attack is lacking.

THE CRUSHING OF THE VARIAG AND KORIEZ.

TOKIO, Feb. 12.—Further details of the naval engagement at Chemulpo on Monday, in which Admiral Uriu's Japanese fleet destroyed the Russian cruiser Variag and the gunboat Korietz, prove that these vessels fought separate battles and were crushed by the superior force of the Japanese fleet, which numbered twenty-one vessels.

The Russian steamer Sunjari was also destroyed and sunk.

Both warships tried to escape from the port before dawn on Monday, but eventually put back. At 9.30 o'clock that morning the Korietz accepted the Japanese challenge and, alone, went out to fight the whole Japanese fleet.

She was completely outmatched; the Japanese broadsides raked her continually until she sank. Many of her crew were killed by shells or drowned, and the few who escaped to shore were captured.

The Variag on steaming out to sea was met by a hail of shells. Her mast was speedily dismantled.

RUSSIANS FOUGHT DESPERATELY.

The Russians fought most desperately, and only retreated to the harbor at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. One account says that her crew set her on fire when they saw she must be captured or sunk.

Another report has it that the Variag's commander, Capt. Vladimir Behr, ordered his officers and crew to jump overboard and save themselves if they could, and then blew up the ship, sacrificing his own life. About 200 of the crew of 570 were killed or drowned.

The Variag's officers were Capt. Vladimir Behr, Lieut.-Commander Ivan Kraft, Lieut. Dolgoborodoff, Lieut. Masinoff, Lieut. Vasileff, Lieut. Ivan Richter, Lieut. Vladimir Postilenkoff, Lieut. F. Sveredoff, Second Lieut. Ivan Ekinoff, Second Lieut. L. Kovanko, Chief Engineer Ivan Lakeoff, Assistant Engineer Ivan Soldatoff, Assistant Engineer Vladimir Rodinn, Chief Surgeon August Zoot, Assistant Surgeon S. Jute.

MEN HELPED OFFICERS ASHORE.

Some few of the crew were drowned in the attempt to escape, but the men loyally aided their officers, not one of whom was lost thus. Many swam not to the shore, but to the foreign men-of-war in the harbor, which promptly lowered boats and went to their rescue. These were the Italian cruiser Elba, the French cruiser Pascal and the English cruiser Talbot. One hundred and fifty, many of them wounded, reached the Talbot. Sir Cyprian Bridge, the British Admiral in command of the station, has ordered that the wounded Russians shall not be handed over to the Japanese unless they so desire.

The Japanese did not lose a man. None of the fleet was damaged. The engagement was watched by four foreign warships, including the United States gunboat Vicksburg. They all saluted the Japanese flag today, it being the great national festival of Kigenetsu, the anniversary of the accession of the Emperor Jimmu to the throne and of the foundation of the present imperial line, 2,564 years ago.

ADMIRAL ALEXIEFF REPORTS TO THE CZAR.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 12.—The Czar has received a telegram from Viceroy Alexieff describing the damage done to the Russian warships during the bombardment by the Japanese fleet. It says:

"The Tsarevitch and Pallada were brought into the harbor Tuesday.

"The Retvisan is making temporary repairs to a hole.

"Repairs to the battleships are so complicated that it is difficult to say when they will be ready.

"The Pallada and Novik will be docked in turn and I expect them to be ready in a fortnight.

"All the other vessels injured in the fight are now repairing and coaling in the harbor. I expect them to be ready in three days.

"A majority of the injured belonged to the cruiser Pallada, and their injuries are due to gases from the explosion of a mellite torpedo.

"A careful search by cruisers and torpedo-boats day and night has not



revealed the presence of the enemy."

It is officially announced that no news has been received here of the fight at Chemulpo, the landing of the Japanese or the blowing up of a bridge on the Manchurian Railroad.

CZARINA'S APPEAL BRINGS QUICK REPLY.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 12.—In response to the appeal of the Dowager Czarina several grand duchesses and numerous other noble ladies have organized committees in St. Petersburg. The Official Messenger daily prints pages of loyal addresses from Zemstvos and municipalities and governmental and private corporations. The Czar takes pains to personally thank the senders of addresses in each case.

The situation in financial circles here is slightly improved, but it is still very critical.

From all parts of the empire come telegrams telling of the feverish activity of ladies' committees, embracing various classes of the population, who are preparing linen bandages and other supplies for the hospitals and the Red Cross Society.

Notice has been given that emigration eastward is suspended. In fact, the Siberian Railroad is monopolized by the transportation of troops and war munitions, to the complete exclusion of commercial traffic.

CZAR WAITS FOR MORE OFFICIAL NEWS.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 12.—It is positively asserted by the Government that no telegrams have been received from Viceroy Alexieff except those already given out, and it is understood that even the Czar is expectantly awaiting for complete, direct official information.

At the Admiralty it was said that some additional technical details had been received, but nothing in regard to further fighting.

The explanation of the Admiralty of the non-receipt here of direct news of the naval battle off Chemulpo was lack of cable connections.

What additional information the authorities have here has been obtained from the Russian Embassies abroad. The Ambassador of Russia at Paris has sent a full story of the battle off Chemulpo, in which he praises the heroic conduct of the Russian sailors.

The newspapers here to-day printed the bare foreign telegrams telling of what has happened in Corea.

Large crowds of people are constantly at the Admiralty seeking information in regard to the fate of relatives in the fleet.

The movement of Russian troops eastward is being pushed.

ENGLAND GAVE NO FAVOR TO JAPAN

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Referring in the House of Lords to-day to the Russian charges on the subject of Wei Hai Wei, Foreign Minister Lansdowne declared the report that Great Britain had given Wei Hai Wei as a base for the Japanese operations against Port Arthur was entirely unfounded, and so far as he could conjecture, it was a "mischievous fabrication."

Lord Lansdowne added that he had telegraphed to the British representative there in order to ascertain if any incident had occurred, to give the slightest color to the report.

CONFLICTING STORIES OF TWO BIG BATTLES.

(By Local Associated Press.)

A careful study of the reports that have reached America and Europe from the East, including press despatches and communications through official channels, would indicate that but two actual conflicts of any moment have so far occurred. These are the Japanese naval attack on Port Arthur on Monday night and Tuesday morning and the affair at Chemulpo on Monday and Tuesday. In circles whose knowledge of conditions in that part of the world allows them to speak with accuracy the various reports of other engagements are considered but echoes of these two fights. News travels slowly in North China, and cables and telegraph facilities are very

limited, and it is evident that as reports of the Port Arthur and Chemulpo affairs reach various points they are promptly cabled by resident correspondents, resulting in natural confusion of dates.

ANOTHER FOOLISH TALE.

The circumstantial report of another engagement sent by the Reuter Telegram Company from Tokio under date of Feb. 10, published in this country yesterday afternoon, is believed also to have referred to the original Port Arthur attack, news of which had just reached Tokio, or that the despatch was delayed in transmission. This belief is strengthened by the fact that no official confirmation has been received of subsequent engagements, and it is pointed out that such official advices were received through the various embassies at Washington promptly on the heels of the press reports of Monday and Tuesday.

The flood of conflicting despatches from various North China points during the Boxer revolution is recalled. For this reason the report cabled by the Tientsin correspondent of the London Standard that a Russian fleet had bombarded Hakodate is entirely disregarded.

WHY BOMBARDMENT IS DOUBTED.

Naval men in this city say that so far as is known the only Russian vessels in position to make a move are those at Vladivostok, and that it cannot for a moment be thought that they would be withdrawn from the defense of that important depot, even if they are free of the ice and are not blocked up by a Japanese squadron as has been reported. In view of the fact that there is no cable communication between Japan and China except by way of Shanghai, it is to say the least, improbable that such important news would be first heard in the inland town of Tientsin.

The official notice sent out last night from St. Petersburg that the cable from Vladivostok to Nagasaki, the telegraph line from Seoul to Masampo, and the telegraph line from Seoul to Wonsan are broken, limits communication with Japan to the cables that land at Shanghai, which are under Japanese censorship. This is additional reason to discredit the vague reports of further engagements.

300 JAPS MEET TO RAISE WAR FUND

Assembly Was Under the Auspices of the Consul General in New York and Much Enthusiasm Was Manifested.

More than three hundred Japanese men and women attended the Japanese meeting at Carnegie Concert Hall this afternoon, called for the purpose of assisting in raising the proposed fund of \$5,000,000 to be subscribed by Japanese and others in the United States for the aid of Japan in its war with Russia.

The meeting was opened round the Japanese Consul-General in New York, Sadaoichi Uchida, who called the gathering together. With him on the platform were Kingi Imanishi, of the Yokohama Specie Bank, in Wall street; Rotohio Arita, a prominent Japanese silk merchant of this city; Kenzo Iwahara, Sanemitsu Hirose, Vice-Consul Tanaka and other leaders in Japanese circles.

The hall was prettily decorated in the simple but effective art of the Japanese, the prevailing hangings being the national colors of Japan and the United States. Back of the platform was an immense Japanese flag draped with the American emblem, while the colors of the two nations appeared on all the walls. At the rear of the hall was a large American flag. The speakers' table was draped with the naval flag of Japan.

Prior to the meeting a circular printed in Japanese was distributed in the audience, and the speaker, after the meeting, with a statement of its object. Following this was the declaration of war promulgated by the Japanese Emperor, together with the call for the return to Japan of the First and Second Naval Reserves of that country. The circular contained instructions as to the method of subscribing to the \$5,000,000 fund, and told the Japanese War Bonds and how to obtain them, and gave information to those interested in the military operations.

Consul General Uchida just before the meeting spoke enthusiastically of the prospects of raising the fund. "Of think," he said, "the result of this meeting the Japanese in New York and vicinity will contribute a good part of the fund. Just how much it will be it would be hard to say. The American people know us well. You have seen a little of what we can do, but we are going to declare war in a day or two, then you can look for something bigger than has as yet been seen."

LINCOLN TOURNEY AT LAKEWOOD

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Feb. 12.—Through a misunderstanding in regard to the postponed New Year's tournament, which was declared off, the field in the special Lincoln's Birthday tournament of the Country Club of Lakewood, was rather small to-day, there only being twenty and thirty competitors.

They were of a high class, however, such men as Charles B. Bonnell, Jr., Watson, Jr., L. Kellogg, Jr., and James A. Stillman being prominent among the players. The weather was frozen, but in very good condition for winter golf. Three groups are offered for the eight each, who will fight it out at match play. There is a cup for the best score in the qualifying round, and cups for the gross and net-scores in the handicap.

SCORES.

Name and Club.	Out. In. Total.
John A. Collier, Garden City.....	54 101
Robt. Watson, Jr., Westbrooks.....	49 35
L. L. Kellogg, Jr., Fox Hills.....	48 39
John J. Holloway.....	66 118
A. B. Symington, Seabright.....	57 116
Henry A. James, Lakewood.....	55 111
Frederick P. Kimball, Lakewood.....	51 95
Harry Jordan, Lakewood.....	54 102
Richard King, Knollwood.....	50 60 110
Frederick A. Potts, Seabright.....	51 51 102
Frank Lyman, Garden City.....	53 58 111
J. W. Menzies, St. Andrews.....	49 51 100
T. P. Riley, Deal.....	51 50 101
W. J. Whitaker, Montclair.....	51 50 101
H. P. Carrington, Westchester.....	56 66 112
Geo. L. Carlisle, New York.....	66 66 132

BIG BOWLING LEAGUE FORMED

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 12.—A national bowling league was organized here to-day, with A. C. Anson, of Chicago, as President and Sam Karp, of New York, as Secretary. New York, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Chicago, Toledo and Philadelphia have been named.

Two vacancies in the five-man club will be filled to-morrow, and will probably be Detroit and St. Louis. Two teams are to visit each city on the circuit, remaining two days.

The season will begin April 4. Championship games will be in doubles and singles only.

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